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PAK TENSIONS

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"AMERICAN CITIZENS FAIL TO FIND OUT ANSWERS TO THEIR
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(08/04)

"MONEY TRANSFER ALLEGATION FROM PAKISTAN FOR 9/11
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"PEOPLE DON'T LIKE SENDING OUT TROOPS TO IRAQ; UN
RESOLUTION WILL CHANGE SITUATION: FOREIGN MINISTER,"
"NAWA-E-WAQT" (08/04)

"DECISION TO SEND TROOPS TO IRAQ WILL TANTAMOUNT TO
TREASON WITH ISLAM: HAFIZ AKIF (TANZEEM-E-ISLAMI
AMEER)," "NAWA-E-WAQT" (08/04)

"AMERICA WILL PAY THE PRICE FOR HANDING OUT DEATH
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"PREPARATION ARE UNDERWAY TO SEND TROOPS TO IRAQ; ONE
BRIGADE HAS BEEN VACCINATED: JAVED HASHMI (PML-N
ACTING PRESIDENT)," "NAWA-E-WAQT" (08/04)

AFGHANISTAN: ROCKET ATTACK ON ALLIED FORCES; TEN
CANADIAN SOLDIERS KILLED," "PAKISTAN" (08/04)

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(08/02)

"IRANIAN CONSULATE TRANSLATOR'S DISAPPEARANCE
COMPLICATES SITUATION; IRANIAN CONSUL GENERAL LODGES

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PROTEST WITH FOREIGN OFFICE," "PAKISTAN" (08/03)

"VAJPAYEE IS A RESPECTED SENIOR; I WILL MEET HIM
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"USAID OFFERS TO HELP RAIN VICTIMS," "UMMAT" (08/04)

"U.S. TO CONDUCT YEAR-LONG MILITARY EXERCISES WITH
INDIA; OFFERS F-16S TO INDIA," "JANG" (08/04)

"U.S. GETS PAK-AFGHAN BORDER SEALED," "JASARAT"
(08/04)

"U.S. WOULD HAVE TO VACATE PAKISTANI BASES IF LEGAL
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"MOVE TO STOP U.S. AID WILL FAIL, HOPES PAKISTAN"
"DAWN" (08/02)

QUOTE: THE GOVERNMENT IS HOPEFUL THAT THE ATTEMPTS OF
PRO-INDIAN LOBBIES IN THE U.S. CONGRESS TO BLOCK THE
\$3 BILLION AID PACKAGE FOR PAKISTAN WILL BE DEFEATED.
THE GOVERNMENT'S OPTIMISM STEMS FROM THE FEEDBACK IT
RECEIVED FROM PAKISTAN'S DIPLOMATIC MISSION IN
WASHINGTON AND ASSURANCES BY U.S. POLICYMAKERS THAT
THE MOVE IS NOT ADMINISTRATION DRIVEN AND IS LIKELY TO
FIZZLE OUT, RELIABLE SOURCES TOLD "DAWN" ON FRIDAY....
END QUOTE.

3. "U.S. WANTS ONE DIVISION OF PAK ARMY FOR IRAQ,"
"THE NEWS" (08/04)

QUOTE: THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION, IN ITS LATEST
REQUEST, HAS ASKED PAKISTAN TO SEND ONE DIVISION OF
PAKISTAN ARMY TO IRAQ, FOREIGN MINISTER KHURSHID
MEHMOOD KASURI SAID ON SUNDAY. "BUT PRESIDENT
MUSHARRAF, PAKISTAN ARMY AND THE GOVERNMENT WOULD NOT
TAKE ANY DECISION ON SENDING OUR TROOPS TO IRAQ
CONTRARY TO THE POPULAR OPINION OF THE MASSES," KASURI
TOLD A GROUP OF REPORTERS AT THE PAKISTAN MUSLIM
LEAGUE HOUSE WHERE THE RULING PARTY HAD INVITED
JOURNALISTS TO LUNCH.... END QUOTE.

4. "PAKISTAN LINKED TO 9/11 FUNDS" "DAILY TIMES"
(08/02)

QUOTE: AN FBI OFFICIAL HAS TOLD A SENATE HEARING HERE
THAT INVESTIGATORS HAD "TRACED THE ORIGIN OF THE
FUNDING OF 9/11 BACK TO FINANCIAL ACCOUNTS IN

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PAKISTAN, WHERE HIGH-RANKING AND WELL-KNOWN AL-QAEDA OPERATIVES PLAYED A MAJOR ROLE IN MOVING THE MONEY FORWARD, EVENTUALLY INTO THE HANDS OF THE HIJACKERS LOCATED IN THE U.S."... END QUOTE.

5. "LET'S FIGHT TERROR TOGETHER, KARZAI ASKS PAKISTAN," "THE NEWS" (08/03)

QUOTE: AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI ON SATURDAY SAID A RENEWED WAVE OF TALIBAN ATTACKS AND THE REPORTED REGROUPING OF MILITANTS WERE "NOT A SERIOUS CONCERN" AS HE CALLED FOR AFGHANISTAN AND PAKISTAN TO FIGHT TERRORISM TOGETHER.... END QUOTE.

6. "U.S. FOR EARLY SETTLEMENT OF DURAND LINE ISSUE" "THE NATION" (08/04)

QUOTE: EXPRESSING ITS DISPLEASURE OVER THE PROLONGATION OF BORDER DISPUTE THE UNITED STATES HAS ASKED PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN TO SPEED UP THE SETTLEMENT PROCESS OF DURAND LINE ISSUE AS DELAY IN THIS REGARD WILL PROVE HIGHLY HARMFUL TO ANTI-TERROR CAMPAIGN. "THE VERY IDEA OF FORMATION OF THE SPECIAL COMMITTEE OF U.S., PAKISTANI AND AFGHAN OFFICIALS TO RESOLVE THE BORDER DISPUTE BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN IS AIMED AT FINDING QUICK-FIX SOLUTION TO THE PROBLEM BUT NO CONCRETE MOVEMENT HAS BEEN

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"TALIBAN CLAIM SHOOTING DOWN U.S. PLANE," "THE NEWS" (08/03)

QUOTE: THE TALIBAN CLAIMED ON SATURDAY TO HAVE SHOT DOWN A U.S. AIRCRAFT DURING FIGHTING IN THE SHAH WALI KOT DISTRICT IN SOUTHWESTERN KANDAHAR PROVINCE. A TALIBAN SPOKESMAN TOLD "THE NEWS" THAT A ROCKET BROUGHT DOWN THE PLANE WHILE IT WAS BOMBING TALIBAN POSITIONS IN A VALLEY NEAR SHAH WALI KOT TOWN. HE WAS

UNABLE TO TELL WHETHER IT WAS JET FIGHTER OR HELICOPTER AND IF THE PILOT HAD BEEN KILLED OR CAPTURED.... END QUOTE.

8. "NEW PROCEDURES FOR U.S. NON-IMMIGRANT VISA TAKE EFFECT," "THE NEWS" (08/02)

QUOTE: THE U.S. STATE DEPARTMENT RECENTLY ANNOUNCED NEW PROCEDURES FOR PROCESSING OF APPLICATIONS FOR A NON- IMMIGRANT VISA FOR TRAVEL TO THE UNITED STATES TOOK EFFECT FROM FRIDAY, AUGUST 1.... END QUOTE.

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9. "NO CLUE TO PAK ENGINEER ARRESTED BY FBI"
"PAKISTAN OBSERVER" (08/03)

QUOTE: THE U.S. INTELLIGENCE AGENCY FBI IN
COLLABORATION WITH THE GOVERNMENT ARRESTED PAKISTANI
ENGINEER AHSAN AZIZ SOME TWO MONTHS AGO AND SO FAR HE
WAS NOT PRODUCED BEFORE ANY COURT AND WAS BEING
TORTURED IN THE CUSTODY OF AMERICANS.... END QUOTE.

OPINION

-- U.S.-PAK RELATIONS

10. "CONTINUATION OF U.S. ALLEGATIONS," AN EDITORIAL
IN THE KARACHI-BASED, RIGHT-WING, PRO-ISLAMIC UNITY
URDU DAILY, "JASARAT" (08/04)

QUOTE: EVER SINCE 9/11, THE UNITED STATES HAS KEPT
PAKISTAN ON ITS TARGET OF LEVELING ALLEGATIONS ONE
AFTER THE OTHER. SOMETIMES IT IS SAID THAT USAMA BIN
LADEN IS IN PAKISTAN AND AT OTHER TIMES IT IS SAID
THAT THERE IS A LIKELIHOOD OF PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR
WEAPONS BEING STOLEN. THERE HAVE BEEN UNCOUNTABLE
ACCUSATIONS BY THE U.S. AGAINST PAKISTAN AND THIS IS
STILL CONTINUING. THE U.S. HAS CONTINUOUSLY BEEN
INCREASING PRESSURE ON PAKISTAN. PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF
HAS RECENTLY RETURNED FROM THE U.S. WITH AN
"UNCONDITIONAL" PACKAGE OF THREE BILLION DOLLARS. BUT
NOW THE U.S. HAS STARTED POPPING UP ITS CONDITIONS AND
A BILL TO THIS EFFECT IS PENDING IN THE U.S. CONGRESS.
THE NEED OF THE HOUR IS TO REVIEW PAKISTAN'S RELATIONS
WITH THE UNITED STATES AND WITHDRAW OURSELVES FROM
THIS POT HOLE OF IGNOBILITY. END QUOTE.

11. "THE ODD COUPLE," AN OP-ED BY EHSAN AHRARI IN THE
PESHAWAR-BASED INDEPENDENT ENGLISH DAILY, "THE
STATESMAN" (08/02)

QUOTE: AMBIVALENCE MAY BE THE PHRASE THAT BEST

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OF OFFICIAL
SUPPORT FOR THE TALIBAN IN PAKISTAN. THE ONLY POINT
OF CONTENTION IS WHETHER MUSHARRAF'S REGIME IS DOING
ENOUGH TO TRACK DOWN THE AL-QAEDA ELEMENTS.... FROM
THE PAKISTANI SIDE, THE ISSUE OF DEVELOPING A

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SUSTAINABLE FRIENDSHIP TOWARDS THE U.S. MAY BE A MYTH AT BEST, OR EVEN A FICTION, UNDER THE PRESENT ENVIRONMENT OF ANTI-AMERICANISM.... SHORT OF A MIRACLE, THE ONLY FEASIBLE WAY OF LOWERING THE INTENSITY OF ANTI-AMERICANISM IS THROUGH A TWO-PRONGED STRATEGY OF PROGRAMS OF MASSIVE ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE

AND THE RADICAL REFURBISHING OF EDUCATIONAL INSTITUTIONS. MEANWHILE, THE PROCESS OF NURTURING YOUNG JIHADIS MUST STOP IMMEDIATELY IF PAKISTAN IS TO HAVE A FUTURE AS A STABLE AND MODERN MUSLIM STATE.... THE UNITED STATES KNOWS THE INTRICACY, OBDURACY, AND DURABILITY OF THE PROCESS INVOLVED IN THE CREATION OF A MODERATE DEMOCRACY IN PAKISTAN. BUT IN ORDER TO ACCOMPLISH A TASK OF THIS NATURE, BUSH'S GLOBAL "WAR ON TERROR" MUST BE RADICALLY ALTERED WITH A VIEW TO ASSIGNING PRIMACY TO ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE AND NATION-BUILDING EVERYWHERE, ESPECIALLY IN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN. WHILE THE UNITED STATES HAS OFFERED ECONOMIC ASSISTANCE TO PAKISTAN, NO OTHER ELABORATE MEASURES RELATED TO NATION BUILDING HAVE BEEN TAKEN YET. END QUOTE.

12. "FAITH AND RACE," AN OP-ED BY IRFAN HUSAIN IN THE KARACHI-BASED INDEPENDENT NATIONAL DAILY, "DAWN" (08/02)

QUOTE: ... HAVING GOT THIS OUT OF THE WAY, LET ME SAY BLUNTLY THAT THERE IS NO WAY THE AMERICANS WOULD HAVE TREATED THE INMATES OF CAMPS X-RAY AND CROPPER IN WAY THEY ARE BEING TREATED HAD THEY BEEN WHITE AND CHRISTIAN.... A PROBLEM FEW AMERICANS ARE WILLING TO RECOGNIZE IS THAT 9/11 AND THE SUBSEQUENT PATRIOT ACT HAVE GIVEN PEOPLE A LICENSE TO RELEASE THEIR INNATE RACISM. AMERICAN GIS, SWELTERING IN THE IRAQI SUMMER AND FRUSTRATED AT BEING STUCK IN A HOSTILE LAND, TAKE IT OUT ON THE 'RAG-HEADS' BY CUTTING LOOSE WITH THEIR AR-15S WHENEVER THEY FEEL EVEN SLIGHTLY THREATENED.

THEY DON'T BEHAVE THIS WAY IN SERBIA. IN AMERICA ITSELF, IMMIGRATION OFFICIALS AVENGE THEMSELVES FOR 9/11 BY PUSHING MUSLIM TRAVELERS AROUND.... IN TRUTH, NO SOCIETY IS WITHOUT ITS PROBLEMS OF RACE OR CASTE. THE PROBLEM ARISES WHEN A COUNTRY LEGISLATES TO LEGALIZE THESE PREJUDICES.... IN SHORT, AMERICA'S OPENNESS AND FAIRNESS HAS BEEN A BEACON TO THE WORLD. IT WOULD BE A PITY IF ALL THESE ENORMOUS GAINS WERE SQUANDERED BECAUSE OF 9/11. IF THIS DOES HAPPEN, USAMA BIN LADEN WILL SURELY HAVE WON. END QUOTE.

13. "FOREIGN POLICY," AN EDITORIAL IN THE CENTER-RIGHT NATIONAL DAILY, "THE NATION" (08/02)

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QUOTE: ... THEREFORE, IT IS NECESSARY TO LOOK BEHIND THE FACADE OF GOOD RELATIONS THE PRESIDENT BELIEVES PAKISTAN ENJOYS WITH THE U.S., EUROPE AND ISLAMIC COUNTRIES. HOW THE WESTERN NATIONS HAD BEEN TREATING ISLAMABAD TILL THE FATEFUL EVENTS OF 9/11 SHOULD BE ENOUGH TO JOLT US OUT OF OUR COMPLACENCY. SINCE WE HAVE UNHESITATINGLY JOINED THEM, AND ARE PLAYING A VITAL ROLE, IN THEIR WAR ON TERRORISM, WE ARE BEING

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AMERICAN WAR

WITH THE GUNS ALMOST ENTIRELY TRAINED ON MUSLIMS. ITS FIRST CASUALTY HAS BEEN THE KASHMIR CAUSE SINCE IN THE HEAT OF REVENGEFULNESS, SO CLEARLY EVIDENT IN WASHINGTON'S EVERY MOVE, THE SACRED DUTY OF FIGHTING FOR FREEDOM FROM BRUTAL, ILLEGAL FOREIGN OCCUPATION HAS BEEN CONFUSED WITH TERRORISM.... END QUOTE.

-- TERRORISM

14. "NEW U.S. CAMPAIGN TO PRESSURIZE FRIENDLY ISLAMIC STATES," AN EDITORIAL IN THE LEADING MASS CIRCULATION URDU DAILY, "JANG" (08/04)

QUOTE: PRESIDENT BUSH AND HIS ADMINISTRATION HAS STARTED IMPLEMENTING A NEW PLAN TO PRESSURE AND BLACKMAIL THEIR MOST DEAR AND TRUSTED MUSLIM COUNTRIES. THE U.S. DOES NOT SEEM TO BE SATISFIED AND CONTENT WITH THE PARTIAL SUCCESS OF OCCUPYING AFGHANISTAN AND IRAQ. IT HAD USED METAPHOR "AXIS OF EVIL" AFTER DUE CONSIDERATION AND WITH A STRATEGY IN MIND. THE CAMPAIGN TO PRESSURIZE IRAN BEGAN SOON AFTER THE OCCUPATION OF AFGHANISTAN ON THE PRETEXT OF THE PERCEIVED THREAT OF ITS NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND THE PRESSURE HAS BEEN FURTHER ENHANCED NOW THAT THE OCCUPATION ON IRAQ HAS BEEN COMPLETED. HOWEVER, NOW THAT THE ENSUING DEVELOPMENTS HAVE TURNED THE TABLE AGAINST BUSH AND BLAIR, COURTESY THEIR OWN MEDIA, THEY HAVE CHANGED THEIR STANCE AND HAVE STARTED ACCUSING THEIR MOST TRUSTED MUSLIM COUNTRY, SAUDI ARABIA OF FANNING AND FINANCIALLY ABETTING TERRORISM. ALSO, THE FBI ONCE AGAIN HAS STARTED WEAVING A NEW PLAN AGAINST AMERICA'S BIGGEST AND TRUSTED ALLY IN ITS WAR AGAINST TERRORISM; PAKISTAN. WHY ALL THIS IS HAPPENING? THE MUSLIM WORLD SHOULD SERIOUSLY PONDER AND SHOULD NOT DELAY ESTIMATING THE NEGATIVE FALLOUT OF THIS NEW U.S. PLAN. END QUOTE.

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15. "THE JOURNEY OF DISGRACE AND DEFEAT FOR AMERICA,"
AN EDITORIAL IN THE KARACHI-BASED PRO-TALIBAN/JIHAD
URDU DAILY, "ISLAM" (08/04)

QUOTE: THE PACE OF JOURNEY OF DISGRACE AND DEFEAT
THAT THE UNITED STATES HAD STARTED AFTER THE 9/11 JOLT
IS INCREASING WITH THE EACH PASSING DAY.
INTERNATIONAL ANALYSTS ARE BEWILDERED HOW SWIFTLY THE
SITUATION IS GETTING OUT OF CONTROL OF THE UNITED
STATES. THERE HAVE BEEN SOME INDICATIONS THAT THE
U.S. ADMINISTRATION IS THINKING OF PULLING OUT ITS
TROOPS FROM AFGHANISTAN AND IS THINKING OF SOME
ALTERNATIVES IN THIS REGARD. AMERICAN AMBASSADOR AND
OTHER STAFF HAS ALREADY BEEN RECALLED FROM KABUL. IF
THE U.S. SUCCEEDS IN PULLING OUT ITS TROOPS SAFELY
FROM AFGHANISTAN THEN IT WOULD BE A SIGN OF ITS
WISDOM. THE GAME OF OPPRESSION AND TYRANNY THAT THE
U.S. HAD WAGED IS DRAWING TO A CLOSE. END QUOTE.

16. "SEEDS OF CONFLICT," AN OP-ED BY AMANAT ALI
CHAUDHRY IN THE CENTER-RIGHT NATIONAL DAILY, "THE
NATION" (08/03)

QUOTE: ... DESPITE EFFORTS IN WASHINGTON AND LONDON
TO PORTRAY THEIR ADVENTURES AS A WAR ON TERROR, THERE
IS INCREASING REALIZATION WITHIN THE MUSLIM WORLD THAT

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PAIGN IN

THE WESTERN MEDIA GIVES A CLUE TO THE NEOCONS'
INTENTIONS. THE WAY MUSLIMS HAVE BEEN MALTREATED
AFTER 9/11 UNDER VARIOUS PRETEXTS REINFORCES THE
PERCEPTION THAT ONLY THEY HAVE BEEN SINGLED OUT ON THE
BASIS OF RELIGION AND ETHNICITY. NOT JUST POLITICAL
ISLAM IS UNDERGOING A RIGOROUS MEDIA TRIAL, BUT
ISLAM'S VERY FUNDAMENTALS ARE BEING PRESENTED IN SUCH
A WAY OUT OF CONTEXT TO MAKE IT SEEN AS AN ENEMY OF
CIVILIZATION, HUMANITY AND THE WESTERN WAY OF LIFE.
THE IDEA BEING INDOCTRINATED TO THE WEST'S HOME

CONSTITUENCY IS THAT ISLAM IS A BASICALLY A PRIMITIVE
AND ETHNO-TRIBAL RELIGION WITH A RETROGRESSIVE
OUTLOOK.... MOST OMINOUS IN THE PRESENT AMERICAN
APPROACH IS ITS SEEKING TO FAN SECTARIAN FIRES IN THE
ISLAMIC WORLD.... LITTLE ATTENTION IS PAID TO THE
FACT THAT THOSE ACCUSED OF SUPPORTING THE TERRORISTS
ARE FAST AMERICAN FRIENDS WHO KEEP THEIR SOCIETIES
SHACKLED WITH COVERT AMERICAN SUPPORT.... THERE IS A
CONSENSUS AMONG RESPONSIBLE AMERICAN QUARTERS AND
THINK TANKS THAT THE MIDDLE EAST IS THE HOTBED OF

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TERRORISM DIRECTED AT US INTERESTS BECAUSE PEOPLE LIVING THERE HATE AMERICANS FOR THEIR WAY OF LIFE, THEIR DEMOCRACY AND THEIR VALUES. ... CONSPICUOUS BY ITS VERY ABSENCE IS THE IDEA THAT DEMOCRACY CANNOT BE IMPOSED UPON UNWILLING PEOPLE THROUGH THE BARREL OF A GUN. THE IRAQ WAR CONSTITUTES A SEMINAL POINT. AMERICA IS COMMITTING A GRAVE BLUNDER BY INTERFERING IN MUSLIM DOCTRINAL AFFAIRS. THE IDEOLOGICAL BASIS PROVIDED TO A PURELY IMPERIALIST AGENDA HAS THE POTENTIAL OF AGGRAVATING THE CONFLICT BETWEEN ISLAM AND THE WEST TO NEW DANGER LEVELS. THE AMERICAN APPROACH IS SOWING THE SEEDS OF LONG-TERM CONFLICT.... THE AMERICAN INTEREST LIES IN SHEDDING ALL IDEOLOGICAL CLOTHING IN ITS APPROACH TO TERRORISM. INTER-FAITH DIALOGUE IS THE BEST AVAILABLE RECIPE TO PUT THINGS BACK ON TRACK. END QUOTE.

17. "GAZA ARRESTS," AN EDITORIAL IN THE CENTER-RIGHT NATIONAL DAILY, "THE NATION" (08/04)

QUOTE: ... THE U.S. MUST UNDERSTAND THAT ITS CREDIBILITY IS ZERO (LESS, IF POSSIBLE, AFTER THE UNRAVELING OF THE DISGUSTING STRUCTURE OF LIES BUILT BY THE BUSH AND BLAIR ADMINISTRATIONS OVER IRAQ'S WEAPONS OF MASS DESTRUCTION). ITS CALLING FREEDOM FIGHTERS TERRORISTS, WHETHER IN PALESTINE OR KASHMIR, WILL NOT WASH MUCH LONGER, AND THE PUNISHMENTS HANDED DOWN BY DUBIOUS TRIBUNALS WILL CARRY NO MORAL AUTHORITY. END QUOTE.

18. "NEO-CONS' SINISTER AGENDA," AN OP-ED BY FAUZIA QURESHI IN THE PESHAWAR-BASED INDEPENDENT NATIONAL ENGLISH DAILY "THE FRONTIER POST" (08/04)

QUOTE: ... AMERICA'S DOUBLE STANDARDS AND AN ISRAELI BIAS IS THE ROOT CAUSE FOR THE RISE OF TERRORISM AND EXTREMISM AMONG MUSLIMS. HOW ELSE WOULD YOU EXPLAIN YOUNG BOYS AND GIRLS BLOWING THEMSELVES UP EVERYDAY? ARE WE EXPECTED TO BELIEVE THAT THERE ARE YOUTHS WHO ADOPT 'TERRORISM' AS A PROFESSION? WHO DOESN'T WANT TO ENJOY LIFE AND ESPECIALLY IN THEIR YOUTH. THE ONLY EXPLANATION MR. BUSH COULD GIVE FOR 'TERRORISM' IS, "THEY ARE JEALOUS OF OUR FREEDOMS OR THEY HATE

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DEMOCRACY.

USE OF TERRORISM TO ACHIEVE POLITICAL MOTIVES IS NOTHING NEW. TERROR IS A STATE OF MIND. IT IS BORN FROM THE SOIL OF INEQUALITY. AGGRESSION, SUPPRESSION,

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WAR, INEQUALITY AND LACK OF HOPE CAN PROVOKE HATRED, WHICH CAN LEAD TO TERRORISM.... END QUOTE.

19. "STILL A LONG WAY TO GO," AN EDITORIAL IN THE KARACHI-BASED INDEPENDENT NATIONAL DAILY, "DAWN" (08/03)

QUOTE: ... THE OVERALL INTERNATIONAL IMAGE OF PAKISTAN IS THAT OF A MILITARY-DOMINATED, CRIME AND TERRORISM-RIDDEN COUNTRY ENGAGED IN 'INCOMPREHENSIBLE' CONFLICTS WITH ITS NEIGHBORS. IT IS THIS IMAGE THAT NEEDS TO BE CORRECTED BY TAKING MEANINGFUL POLICY DECISIONS AT THE HIGHEST LEVEL.... AND WHILE WE ARE DOING THIS, WE MUST SEND AMBASSADORS WITH A COMMERCIAL BENT OF MIND TO THE U.S., EUROPE AND JAPAN. BECAUSE OF OUR ROLE IN THE WAR AGAINST TERRORISM WE ARE VERY MUCH IN THE GOOD BOOKS OF THE DECISION MAKERS IN THESE COUNTRIES. THIS ADVANTAGE SHOULD BE MADE TO WORK FOR OUR ECONOMIC INTEREST.... END QUOTE.

-- AFGHANISTAN

20. "FIGHTING TERRORISM," AN EDITORIAL IN THE CENTRIST NATIONAL DAILY, "THE NEWS" (08/04)

QUOTE: AFGHAN PRESIDENT HAMID KARZAI'S OFFER TO PAKISTAN TO "FIGHT TERRORISM TOGETHER AND TO FIGHT IT IN RIGHT EARNEST" SUGGESTS A PROPER JOINT APPROACH TO THE THREAT POSED BY THE REMNANTS OF TALIBAN AND AL-QAEDA.... HOWEVER, FIGHTING TERRORISM INSIDE AFGHAN TERRITORY MUST BE SOLELY CONDUCTED BY THAT COUNTRY ITSELF WITHOUT SEEKING ASSISTANCE FROM OTHER STATES. AMERICAN TROOPS ARE ALREADY INVOLVED IN THIS TASK ALONG WITH SOLDIERS OF THE AFGHAN ARMY, BUT FOR THE MOST PART THE AFGHAN GOVERNMENT MUST UNDERTAKE THIS TASK. THE COLLATERAL KILLING OF AFGHAN CITIZENS BY U.S. FORCES SHOWS THE DANGER EXTANT IN LETTING FOREIGNERS TO UNDERTAKE A TASK THAT CALLS FOR

CONSIDERABLE UNDERSTANDING OF THE ETHOS AND CULTURE OF THE AFGHAN PEOPLE. WHILE AMERICANS MIGHT TEND TO SEE EVERY PERSON WHO IS NOT WITH THEM, AS BEING AGAINST THEM, THE AFGHANS WILL BE MORE DISCRIMINATING.... END QUOTE.

21. "AFGHAN APOLOGY," AN EDITORIAL IN THE ISLAMABAD RIGHTIST ENGLISH DAILY, "PAKISTAN OBSERVER" (08/04)

QUOTE: ... THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT PROVOCATIONS AGAINST PAKISTAN ARE TAKING PLACE FROM THE AFGHAN SIDE ON A REGULAR BASIS. ATTACK ON PAKISTAN EMBASSY IN

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KABUL AND FIRING ON PAKISTANI POSTS IN MOHMAND AGENCY AND CHAMAN AMPLY SPEAK OF THE AFGHAN MINDSET.... WHILE PAKISTAN RESPECTS AFGHANISTAN'S SOVEREIGNTY, IT EXPECTS THE AFGHAN RULERS NOT TO BE INSTRUMENTAL IN FACILITATING MISCHIEF MONGERING BY FORCES INIMICAL TO ISLAMABAD. WE OBVIOUSLY WELCOME PRESIDENT KARZAI'S CALL TO UNITEDLY FIGHT TERRORISM, BUT HE SHOULD BETTER RESTRAIN HIS OWN PEOPLE FROM RESORTING TO TERRORISM AGAINST PAKISTAN.... END QUOTE.

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LY, "NAWA-E-
WAQT" (08/04)

QUOTE: IN THE FLAG MEETING BETWEEN PAKISTAN AND AFGHANISTAN THE FORMER PROTESTED OVER FIRING ON PAKISTANI POSTS. RESPONDING, AFGHAN AUTHORITIES APOLOGIZED.. IF WELL-KNOWN PRO-INDIA U.S. AMBASSADOR BLACKWILL WERE APPOINTED SPECIAL REPRESENTATIVE IN AFGHANISTAN AND ZALMAY KHALILZAD WAS GIVEN AFGHANISTAN RESPONSIBILITIES IN DOS THEN THERE WOULD BE A DANGER OF FURTHER DETERIORATION IN PAK-AFGHAN RELATIONS. IN SUCH AN EVENTUALITY, THE AGGRESSIVE AFGHAN POLICIES AGAINST PAKISTAN WOULD BE BACKED BY NOT ONLY INDIA, BUT ALSO AMERICA. AMERICA ALREADY ACCEPTS AFGHAN STAND OF BLAMING PAKISTAN FOR THE TALIBAN ACTIVITIES IN AFGHANISTAN.... AMERICA IS SIMULTANEOUSLY USING INDIA AND AFGHANISTAN TO MAKE PAKISTAN AGREE ON WHATEVER IT DEMANDS.... PAKISTAN SHOULD NOW RECONSIDER ITS AFGHAN POLICY; THE POLICY OF TYING UP PAKISTAN'S INTERESTS WITH THAT OF AMERICA AND IGNORING PAKISTAN FRIENDLY PASHTOONS OF AFGHANISTAN WAS ABSOLUTELY WRONG. END QUOTE.

-- IRAQ

23. "MOAMMER QADDAFI'S WARNING," AN EDITORIAL IN THE LAHORE-BASED INDEPENDENT URDU DAILY "DIN" (08/04)

QUOTE: IN AN INTERVIEW WITH AN AMERICAN TV NETWORK, LIBYAN PRESIDENT MOAMMER QADDAFI HAS WARNED THAT "IRAQ WILL PROVE TO BE ANOTHER VIETNAM FOR THE U.S.," BECAUSE THE IRAQI NATION IS RESISTING THE OCCUPATION REGARDLESS OF SADDAM'S FATE.... THE POPULACE OF THE ISLAMIC STATES HAS COME TO THE CONCLUSION THAT THE U.S. OCCUPATION OF IRAQ IS ILLEGAL, IMMORAL AND ILLOGICAL. IN THIS PERSPECTIVE, INTERNATIONAL OBSERVER AND ANALYSTS ARE TERMING THE IRAQI GUERRILLA WAR AS BEING EXTREMELY DANGEROUS. WHAT'S MORE, EVEN

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GEN MYERS HAS ADMITTED "WE MIGHT FACE GUERILLA WAR FOR THE NEXT FOUR YEARS." IGNORING MOAMMER QADDAFI'S WARNING AS A MADMAN'S OUTBURST WOULD BE DANGEROUS. END QUOTE.

24. "POTENTIAL FOR CHAOS IN IRAQ," AN OP-ED BY RAFI RAZA IN THE KARACHI-BASED INDEPENDENT NATIONAL DAILY, "DAWN" (08/03)

QUOTE: ... BOTH PRESIDENT BUSH AND PRIME MINISTER BLAIR APPEAR TO BE LOSING THE TRUST OF THEIR OWN PEOPLE. BEFORE THE WORSE FOLLOWS, THEY WOULD BE WELL ADVISED TO ALLOW THE UN UNDER A FRESH MANDATE TO TAKE CHARGE OF ALL PEACEKEEPING FUNCTIONS IN IRAQ. ONLY THEN WOULD SECURITY RETURN, AND THE AMERICANS CEASE TO BE A TARGET OF ATTACKS IN IRAQ. ONLY THEN COULD FUNDS FROM IRAQI OIL BE FULLY GENERATED AND USED FOR RECONSTRUCTION. ONLY THEN WOULD LIFE IN IRAQ BEGIN TO RETURN TO NORMAL, WITH HOPE FOR JUDICIAL, POLITICAL, CONSTITUTIONAL AND ELECTORAL REFORMS. END QUOTE.

25. "JUDGMENT AT MOSUL," AN OP-ED BY F.S. AIJAZUDDIN IN THE KARACHI-BASED INDEPENDENT NATIONAL DAILY, "DAWN" (08/04)

QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES, UNLIKE OTHER CIVILIZATIONS,

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OLD SPAN OF ITS EXISTENCE AS A POLITICAL ENTITY (IT IS BY FAR THE YOUNGEST COUNTRY IN THE FIRST WORLD), IT HAS GONE DIRECTLY FROM A REBELLIOUS CHILDHOOD TO AN IMPERIOUS, SUPERPOWER ADULTHOOD.... TO SOME WHO HAVE WATCHED THE GRUESOME IMAGES DISPLAYED BY THE AMERICAN AUTHORITIES RECENTLY OF THE BODIES OF UDAY AND QUSAY HUSSEIN (THE SONS OF AMERICA'S FORMER ALLY SADDAM HUSSEIN), FIRST BULLET-RIDDEN AND UNTOUCHED AND THEN SHAVED, SHAMPOOED AND SUTURED LIKE CANVAS BODY-BAGS, IT WOULD SEEM AS IF AMERICA IS MAKING A DELIBERATE,

BELATED ATTEMPT TO COMPENSATE FOR THAT DEFICIENCY IN ITS UPBRINGING.... REVENGE, IT IS SAID, IS A DISH BEST EATEN COLD. THE AMERICANS REMEMBERED THIS MAXIM AT NUREMBERG. THEY CHOSE TO DISREGARD IT AT MOSUL. TODAY, THERE IS NO ONE STRONG ENOUGH TO QUESTION THE ARBITRARY ACTIONS OF THE UNITED STATES, NO MORE THAN THERE WAS ANYONE POWERFUL ENOUGH THEN TO PREVENT HITLER FROM INVADING POLAND, CZECHOSLOVAKIA, FRANCE AND MOST OF EUROPE UNTIL IT WAS TOO LATE.... END QUOTE.

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26. "NUCLEAR DETERRENCE," AN EDITORIAL IN THE ISLAMABAD RIGHTIST ENGLISH DAILY, "PAKISTAN OBSERVER" (08/02)

QUOTE: IN HIS WIDE-RANGING ADDRESS TO THE CONCLUDING SESSION OF THE ENVOYS CONFERENCE, PRESIDENT MUSHARRAF, ON THURSDAY, MADE IT CLEAR ONCE AGAIN THAT PAKISTAN WOULD CONTINUE TO MAINTAIN THE MINIMUM NUCLEAR DETERRENCE.... THE UNEQUIVOCAL POLICY STATEMENT OF THE PRESIDENT ON NUCLEAR DETERRENCE IS REASSURING BECAUSE OPPOSITION CIRCLES WERE APPREHENSIVE OF SOME RECENT DEVELOPMENTS. IT WAS BEING ALLEGED THAT PAKISTAN WAS SUCCUMBING TO THE PRESSURE OF THE UNITED STATES AND THE WEST ON THE COUNTRY'S NUCLEAR PROGRAM AND SOME POLITICIANS EVEN WENT TO THE EXTENT OF SAYING THAT THE COUNTRY HAS ALREADY FROZEN ITS ACTIVITIES. IN FACT, PAKISTAN HAS ADOPTED A PRINCIPLED POLICY ON THE ISSUE OF NUCLEAR NON-PROLIFERATION IN SOUTH ASIA....

OUR EXPERIENCE TOO SHOWS THAT THE WESTERN WORLD THAT POSSESSES MODERN MILITARY TECHNOLOGY AND WEAPONS HAS ALWAYS ADOPTED A DISCRIMINATORY APPROACH TOWARDS PAKISTAN VIS-A-VIS INDIA.... PAKISTAN SHOULD, THEREFORE, MUST STICK TO THE POLICY OF MAINTAINING MINIMUM NUCLEAR DETERRENCE. THERE CANNOT BE ANY COMPROMISE ON THE ISSUE BECAUSE OF UNAMBIGUOUS NATIONAL CONSENSUS. END QUOTE.

27. "GENERAL BEG'S HALFWAY HOUSE," AN EDITORIAL IN THE LAHORE-BASED DAILY, "DAILY TIMES" (08/03)

QUOTE: ... AMERICANS AND EUROPEANS ARE ABSOLUTELY CONVINCED OF PAKISTAN'S NUCLEAR FOOTPRINTS IN NORTH KOREA. WHETHER THEIR INTELLIGENCE IS ACCURATE IS IMMATERIAL. THE FACT IS THAT PAKISTAN HAS DEALT WITH THE NORTH. THAT PAKISTAN GOT THE NODONG MISSILE FROM THE NORTH AND REVERSE-ENGINEERED IT IS WELL KNOWN.... END QUOTE.

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"PAKISTAN OBSERVER" (08/04)

QUOTE: ... THE FACT IS THAT PAKISTAN HAS ALL ALONG STRIVEN TO SEEK SETTLEMENT OF THE KASHMIR DISPUTE IN

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KEEPING WITH THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL RESOLUTIONS AND
IN DEFERENCE TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE KASHMIRI
PEOPLE.... ALTHOUGH NEW DELHI HAS NOW OFFERED
DIALOGUE TO PAKISTAN UNDER INTENSE INTERNATIONAL
PRESSURE, YET IT IS DELIBERATELY RESORTING TO DELAYING
TACTICS ON ONE PRETEXT OR THE OTHER SIMPLY TO SEEK

TIME TO DEFLATE THE PRESSURE. CROSS-BORDER
INFILTRATION IS ITS FAVORITE BUT LAME EXCUSE TO AVOID
DIALOGUE WITH ISLAMABAD.... INDIA MUST COME OUT OF
ITS SHELL OF 'KASHMIR IS ITS INTEGRAL PART' AND
RECOGNIZE THE TRUTH THAT IT IS THE FLASHPOINT AND
NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED AS EARLY AS POSSIBLE FOR THE
SAKE OF SOUTH ASIA'S SECURITY AND STABILITY. END
QUOTE. POWELL

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